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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This paper accompanies a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently, and is responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed August 20, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 29, 38 and 39.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 8-10, 12, 14-21, 26-28, 31, 33-37, and 40 as follows:

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1. (Three times amended) A method of treating a precursor, the precursor comprising a substrate and an imageable coating on the substrate, the imageable coating comprising a polymeric composition, the method comprising the step of heat-treating the precursor under conditions which inhibit the removal of moisture from substantially the entire surface area of the imageable coating, wherein heat-treating includes holding the precursor at a temperature of about 40° C or above for at least 12 hours.

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